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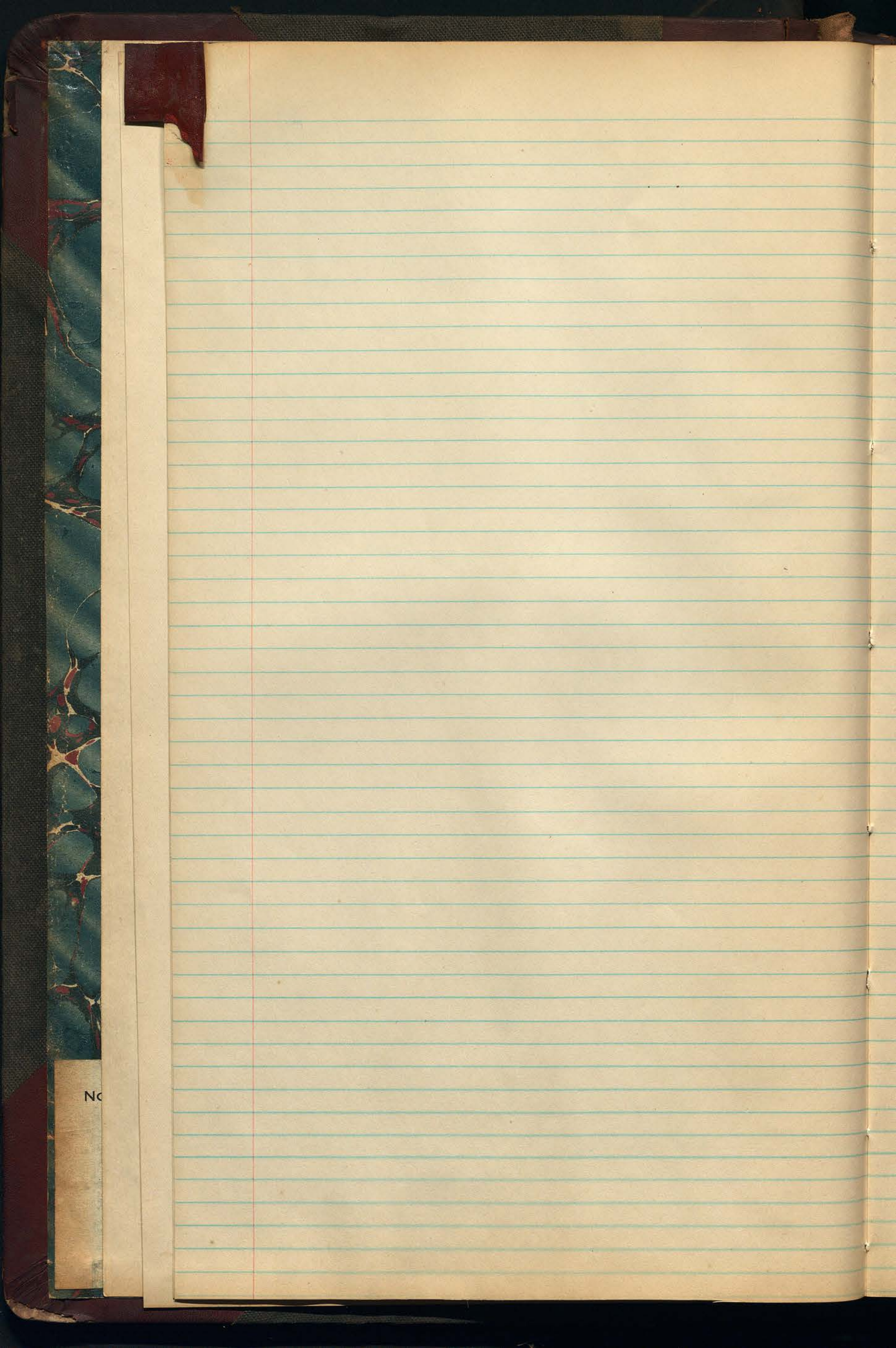
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January 1, 1931.

I went to the Liberty Theatre on West Front St. in response to a call from Mr. Neithald, the manager, that his safe had been tampered with during the night. Upon investigating I learned that some intruder had removed the pins from the hinges on a side-rear door and gained entrance to the building in that way. He then made his way through the theatre building up to the manager's office on the second floor. A portion of the glass in the locked office door was then broken out allowing a hand to reach in and unlock the door. Once inside, the thief went to work on the safe and sawed off the knob of the combination dial and also pried off the dial itself. There was considerable hammering done on the door around the combination but the door did not appear to have been opened. After the dial had been pried off the spindle which was then exposed was struck by a hammer repeatedly until it was driven inside the safe allowing the tumblers to become loose. I noticed fine particles of red paint on the dial which appeared to have come from either a chisel or bar used in prying it off. Officer Flynn nor myself were unable to find a single particle of any value on the safe or any part of the building. There was nothing taken from the building except an "Eversharp" pencil which lay on the book-keeper's desk in the office. This pencil was valued at \$1.00. Mr. Neithald engaged John Cline to open the safe which he did and found its contents intact. There was about \$500.00 in it.

This job admitted to by Glenn Emmery, Frank Patella and Raymond Murley all arrested on Jan. 11th & 12th. Pencil valued at \$1.00 was recovered and returned by me to the book-keeper at the theatre.

January 1, 1931

I investigated a report from Mrs. Mary Maddalone # 822 George St. that someone had fired some shot through a couple of her bed-room windows about midnight on New Year's Eve. I learned that Pat Cerella of 807 George St. had some friends at his home at midnight and they had taken his shot-gun outside and fired it. They were probably careless in their aim and some of the lead pellets struck the side of Maddalone's house and windows. Cerella agreed to pay for the damage to the windows and Mrs. Maddalone was satisfied.

January 3, 1931

I went to the home of Mrs. Otterman, 1333 Evergreen to investigate a report by Officer Walter Brown that some of the rear windows had been tampered with. I found that nine windows on the rear, side and front showed marks where someone had attempted to pry them up. One window on the front porch had the catch broken in two and could be raised. I entered the house in company with Mrs. Van Baskerk who has a key to it and she said everything appeared to be just as it was when the family left. We made the window secure.

January 3, 1931

In company with Sgt. Brown, Officers Erber and Vail I raided the store of Chas. Quarterman, 445 West Third St. at 9:00 p.m. We found only James Harmon and Julius Langi in the store and arrested them as disorderly persons. No liquor was found but we confiscated a half dozen pair of dice, numerous old lottery tickets and a padded dice table.

January 5, 1931

About 4:45 p.m. Officers Flynn, Mansfield and myself answered a phone call that someone had taken gas at #114 Depot Park. We found a man lying on the barber shop floor of Alec Stills place of business where he had been carried by two gas employees. We recognized him as Simon Albert Kline who lived with his wife at #114 Depot Park. A Mrs. Hoffman living next door to them had smelled gas when she arrived home about 4:40 p.m. and notified the Gas Company. They sent M. H. Houston a service man to the scene and he turned the gas off in the cellar and in company with H. Sandler the owner of the building opened the apartment door and found Kline lying on the kitchen floor. He was not fully dressed and had apparently not left the house during the day. The two men carried him to the barber shop to the fresh air and started to apply the prone pressure method of resuscitation. I asked the Fire Department to respond with their pulmotor and they did. Dr. Lee Herington came with the ambulance and after a half hours work the doctor said it would be useless to continue their efforts any longer. He said he had apparently been dead for three or four hours. His wife said that he was 30 yrs. of age and had been feeling despondent for about a week being out of work and a payment due on his car. He left a note addressed to his Father, Mother, Brothers and Wife asking forgiveness for what he was about to do.

January 6, 1931.

I, along with Officer Erber, arrested Carmelia Vinci, 243 East Third St. charging her with maintaining a disorderly house at that address although a sale was made previously we did not find any liquor after a thorough search.

January 6, 1931.

Along with Sgt. Brown, Officers E. Flynn, T. Bray and J. Waldron I arrested Josephine Hays 663 South Second St. and charged her with maintaining a disorderly house at that address. We confiscated about a gallon and a half of liquor and also arrested the following parties whom we found in the house: Wainborough Jackson, Edward Edmondson, Eugene Pison, Robert Ford, James Brooks, Chas. Quarterman and Edith Jackson.

January 6, 1931.

I arrested Chas. Quarterman at #400 Cleveland Ave. on a warrant charging him with maintaining a disorderly house.

January 7, 1931.

I answered a call from Mrs. Page, Superintendent of the apartment house at #515 West Seventh St. and learned that on the preceding day a man had tried to get into the apartment of Mr. Berle in the this building. It is apartment #206 and located on the second floor in the rear. It was about 6 a.m. and the intruder evidently used a key as Mr. Berle heard a slight noise at the door and as he went to investigate he heard someone running down the hallway. There were no evidences of any jimmy marks on the door or lock.

January 7, 1931.

Doctors Sebald and Hoffman reported to me that a few nights previously someone had stolen two of their signs which hung on the pillars of the porch at #302 East Seventh St. The signs bore each of their names and were about 18" x 6" and covered with glass. I searched the neighborhood well but could not find any trace of them.

January 8, 1931.

I arrested Thomas Duffy from Police Hdqtrs. South Plainfield on a warrant sworn out by Waldo Kennedy of Plainfield who charged him with issuing a worthless check for \$45.00.

January 10, 1931.

I arrested Felice Procini, 621 South Second St. on a warrant sworn out by Angelo Gerondalo of Newark, N. J. who charged him with issuing two worthless checks for \$307.50 and \$186.00 respectively.

January 10, 1931.

I went to the home of Mrs. Stevens, 810 Hillside Ave. in response to a call from her that she found a small rear window broken and thought someone may have gotten into the house while she was away. The hole in the glass appeared to me to be a bullet hole and in questioning different youngsters in the neighborhood I learned that William Pittington who lives on Webster Place in the rear of Mrs. Stevens had been shooting with a small rifle at a target in his yard and some of the bullets had glanced from the protecting backboard into the windows. The boy paid for the broken windows and Mrs. Stevens did not wish to make any complaint.

January 12, 1931.

I arrested Raymond Murley, 541 West Fifth St., Plainfield, N. J. and charged him with burglary in breaking, entering and carrying away a safe from the National Grocery Store at #432 Watchung Ave. He was accompanied by Frank Patella and Glenn Emmerick who were arrested yesterday. He was also charged with aiding in taking the safe of the A. J. Beck Shoe Store, 112 West Front St. to the cellar of Patella's home in North Plainfield and aiding in drilling it open and stealing \$438 from it. He admitted his part in entering the Liberty Theatre, 432 West Front St. and attempting to break open a safe there. He also confessed to entering a fruit market in Westfield and aiding in opening the safe and taking \$368 from it. He received only \$17.00 as his share however.

January 13, 1931

Along with Officer E. Flynn I investigated a call from Benjamin Cantor, 1112 Plainfield Ave, that a man had been found dead in his house. I learned that Mr. Cantor upon going up to the room of a boarder, Abraham Michaels, to arouse him to go to his work at about 5 p.m. found him dead in bed. He called Dr. Schenk who examined him and said that he had been dead for about three hours and had succumbed to a heart attack. Michaels had been in good health and was working nights in the Jersey Silk Mill. He was about 56 years of age. His brother living at 445 West Third St. was notified.

January 16, 1931.

I visited Edward Baker an employee of M. C. Van Andsdale's at his shoe store on East Front St. and learned that on the preceding day between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. he lost a valuable robe from his car either in the rear of the store

or along side of the Park Hotel. The robe was quite thick and had short stiff hair on one side with a green plaid effect and the same short hair on the other with a red plaid effect. I questioned numerous boys that collect wood about the rear of the store but was unable to get any trace of it.

January 17, 1931.

I answered a phone call from The Times Square Auto Supply Store, 109 Park Ave., saying that a man had taken \$20 from the cash register and walked away. I learned that a man had entered the store about 3:45 p.m. and asked the manager, Robert A. Pallus if his register worked satisfactorily. He said he was from a cash register firm in Elizabeth and travelled around repairing them. Pallus said that the ribbon printed the figures poorly and the man agreed to repair it. Pallus left the vicinity of the register for a few moments to wait for a customer and in that short interval the man extracted two ten dollar bills from the register. He fixed the ribbon so that it worked well and walked from the store without asking Pallus for any pay for the work. Pallus looked in the register in about fifteen minutes and missed the money. He described the man as about 40 yrs. old, 5'9" tall, stocky build, 175 lbs., fair complexion and wore a greyish overcoat of light weight material that looked like a rain coat. I searched around the town and notified the other Officers about the man and his actions but could not get any trace of him.

January 21, 1931.

I arrested Paul Jablon, 345 Watchung Ave., 19 yrs. old from 428 Watchung Ave. on complaint of Andrew McDonough, 211 East Front St. who charged him with taking money from the safes in his office while he (Jablon) was acting as janitor of the building. Jablon admitted taking \$30 on one occasion, \$20 on another and \$6.06 on another, making a total of \$56.06 in all. He opened the safes by turning back the combinators.

January 22, 1931.

Mr. N. Berger, 121 Watchung Ave. reported to me that on either of the two preceding days someone stole a black seal coat with a grey squirrel "Johnny" collar and grey squirrel cuffs worth \$125.00 from a rack in the front of his store. He suspects two women from South Plainfield who come into his store quite often. Their actions, or

rather the actions of one of them were suspicious but not enough to warrant arresting them. I will endeavor to keep a close watch on them. The coat was between a size 36 & 38.

January 26, 1931.

Peter DeVico, 128 Johnston Ave. reported to me that someone had stolen a pair of shoe hockey skates from his garage. I learned that a boy on East Front St. named Eugene De Rose had taken them and I recovered them and returned them to DeVico. He did not wish to press any complaint against De Rose.

January 26, 1931.

I went to the store of Henry Bufano, 319 Plainfield Ave. in response to a phone call and learned that someone had broken the glass in a side window and entered the store and after searching around but taking nothing they climbed out through a toilet window. It appeared to be the work of leop.

January 28, 1931.

Sgt. Nolan and myself arrested John Jackson of Mountain Boulevard, Watching from Muhlberg Hospital on a charge of drunkenness. He had been brought there by someone who found him lying on the street and thought that he had been struck by a car.

January 29, 1931.

I, along with Officers Conshay and Peterson arrested Harold Jackson, 23 Warren St., Bound Brook from the office of Miss Helen Gauld, 303 Park Ave., on a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

January 29, 1931.

I investigated further the finding of the body of a child in a yard at the corner of West Sixth St. and Division Sts. I learned that it was a full nine months colored female child of still birth the cause of dead birth not being known. The child was entirely naked and wrapped in a small portion of a bed sheet and a table center-piece of inexpensive material. Its head was covered with a girls silk skating hat of pure white silk and of the skull cap type. It was then placed in a grey ten cent paper shopping bag and dropped just inside the fence near some vines on the Division St. side of # 438 West Sixth St. It was seen there by the owner at 11 o'clock the day before but not disturbed so it must have been placed there on Monday night. I questioned the people in the surrounding houses but no one remembered seeing anything of a suspicious nature there.

January 30, 1931

I arrested Everett Weigand, 352 Sumner Ave. on a warrant sworn out by Max Gabler of 1003 East Second St. who charged him with issuing three worthless checks for \$15.00 a piece.

February 2, 1931.

I arrested Alwyn Lowe, 74 Myrtle Ave. North Plainfield at North Plainfield Police Hdqrs. on a warrant sworn out by Henry Drier who charged him with issuing a worthless check for \$16.23.

February 4, 1931.

I arrested Allen Muldrum, 407 Manor Rd., West Brighton, Staten Island on a warrant charging him with the abandonment of his four children.

February 5, 1931.

I investigated a report by Officer Vail that some dynamite had been found under the railroad bridge on Richmond St. I learned that when Frank Annella, 752 St. Mary's Ave., a Public Service construction gang foreman had passed under the bridge he noticed a small bundle wrapped in a newspaper lying near the curb line on the west side of the street. He unwrapped the bundle and noticed eleven sticks of Atlas dynamite and four electric fuses. He notified Police Headquarters and Officer Vail brought them to the Police Garage. Unable to find any trace of who left them there I turned them over to Newton Smalley who destroyed them.

February 5, 1931.

I investigated a call from Wm. Lancaster, 116 Front St., Dumellen, N.J. who manages the Gydal Gasoline Station, off West Front St. near the City Line that two men in a blue Chevrolet coupe #E-59861 N.J. had a short time previously driven into his station had a quart of oil put in their motor. One of the men remained in the car while the other went inside the station to pay for the oil. He tried to confuse the manager by switching several bills and the manager called Police Hdqrs. The man ran out then and drove away leaving behind him a five dollar bill. Sgt. Mc Ginley broadcast the alarm for this car but it was not picked up. The man who went into the station was 5'5" tall, medium build, light complexioned, wearing a brown camel's hair overcoat and light brown hat and appeared to be an Italian. The other man wore a grey hat and a dark overcoat.

February 5, 1931.

I investigated a report from Mrs. Katherine Brewer, 1364 Marlborough Ave. that she lost her pocketbook somewhere on the street on Monday and had received her driver's license back through the mail from Bound Brook. She had about \$250.00 in money in it besides her license and a string of old fashioned beads. I checked up on a truck that Mrs. Brewer thought belonged to Brown and Keller and was in the neighborhood but this truck or driver did not go to Bound Brook.

February 6, 1931.

I went to the delicatessen store of Isaac Zepper, 113 New St. at about 11:50 p. m. in response to a call from him that he had been held up and robbed of \$19.75. I learned that a former bus driver by the name of "Artie" or Martin Whelan had been in the store for about half an hour and ran up a bill of fifty cents. He asked Zepper if he could change a twenty-dollar bill. Zepper said he could get the change and called in ~~James~~ ^{Harold} Bawley, a bus driver who was waiting outside the store, asking him for change of twenty dollars. Bawley handed the change to Zepper and as he did so, Whelan snatched the money from Zepper's hand and pulled a gun from his pocket pointing it at Zepper's head and saying, "Give me that money." He also waved the gun at Bawley and then ran out the door and away toward Orchard Place in the darkness. He dropped a twenty-five cent piece on the floor as he ran. Robert Waldron of 318 McDowell St. was just outside the door waiting for a bus when this happened. Harold Bawley lives at # 1110 West Third St. along with father. Officers I searched the vicinity but could not find any trace of Whelan.

February 9, 1931

I arrested Liberato Desiato, 1027 Arlington Ave. at his shop on East Sixth St. on a warrant sworn out by Patsy Colucci of South Plainfield who charged him with issuing a worthless check for \$34.67.

February 9, 1931.

Angelina Bottone, 738 St. Mary's Ave. reported to me that while she was walking along North Ave. near Filmore Ave. with Katherine Perino of 727 North Ave. at 8:30 a. m. a man stopped the automobile which he was driving, got out and grossly indecently exposed himself. She gave me the license number of this car (K-321366) and I found that his name was Frank Eubert of Hamilton Boulevard South Plainfield.

As their description of the man fitted Gubernat I had the Bottone girl sign a complaint and a warrant was issued for his arrest. He was picked up in South Plainfield and pleaded guilty to the charge when arraigned in court. p.m.

February 12, 1931.

I arrested Edward Brewer, 226 Chestnut St., Camden, N. J. at #504 West Fourth St. on a warrant from Camden charging him with the non-support of his wife and four children.

February 15, 1931.

Three young boys, Angela Coluntano, 727 South Ave., Salvatore Pelluciente, 822 East Third St. and Antonio DeMarco, 817 North Ave. reported to me at about 12:50 a.m. that while they were on their way home from The Recreation Bowling Alleys where they work two young men stepped out from behind a hedge at the corner of East Third St. and Berckman Sts. and held them up taking \$21.00 from them. One of the hold-up men covered them with a gun while the other held a knife in his hand and searched their pockets. They appeared to be about 17 years old and one wore a sheepskin coat, checkered cap and was about 5'5" tall. The other was about 5'5" tall wore a brown overcoat with light stripes in the form of large squares running through it and also had a grey checkered cap. After receiving the bags of the money they ran toward Filmore Ave. and the C.R.R. freight house. Officer Mansfield and myself searched the vicinity but could not find any trace of anyone.

February 16, 1931.

Mr. C. F. Smith of #830 Osborne Ave. reported to me that some time between the 7th and 15th a set of automobile tools wrapped in a brown canvas wrapper and valued at \$14.00 were taken from his garage on the rear of his property.

February 17, 1931.

Officers Erben, Bray and myself arrested Wilbur Freeman, 38 Chatham St. and Sylvester Watkins, 218 Richmond St. at East Second St. and Watchung Ave. charging them with having lottery tickets in their possession.

February 17, 1931.

In attempting to stop James V. Tate, 135 Berkeley Terrace while driving his car along Raymond Ave. he put on speed and fled into North Plainfield. When he saw I intended to follow him along Mountain Ave. he threw four envelopes filled with lottery tickets to the

roadway and sped on toward Somerset St. I stopped, picked up the tickets and swore out a warrant for his arrest. I arrested him at his home a short time later charging him with the possession of lottery tickets.

February 18, 1931.

I went to the store of Michael Granieri, 107 Grant Ave., in response to a phone call from him that some one had broken into his store during the night. I found that a small window leading into a wash-room had been forced open and entrance made in that way. About 12 cartons of cigarettes, considerable loose candy and 90 cents in change from the cash register was taken. I could not locate any fingerprints of value.

February 19, 1931.

I arrested Anna Picone, 509 East Third St. on a warrant charging her with the unlawful sale and possession of liquor. I found a small quantity of liquor in her house.

February 19, 1931.

I, along with Officer Bray, arrested Paul Stognetta from his store at #241 East Third St. on a warrant charging him with the unlawful sale and possession of liquor and maintaining a disorderly house. We did not find any liquor on the premises.

February 19, 1931.

Mrs. Paul's Funk, 137 Garfield Ave. complained to me that on January 15th a man came to her house taking orders for rugs. He asked that 17 lbs. of old heavy rugs such as old rugs and overcoats be gathered up for him and he would return for them in two weeks. Mrs. Funk paid him \$5.75 as one third of the price of the rugs she ordered. He gave her a receipt on a bill-head of the Panlury Rug Co. of Newark N. J. and signed this name as H. J. Burke with an address at #1140 Broad St. He did not return nor did Mrs. Funk hear anything from him and upon further investigation I learned that the address in Newark was a vacant house and that this fellow's real name is Maguire and had been employed by the Panlury Rug Co. in Panlury some time ago. They say his reputation is very bad. As he appeared to be traveling from town to town an alarm was broadcast for his arrest.

February 20, 1931.

I arrested George Meir, 417 New Market Rd. on a warrant charging him with violating his parole.

February 21, 1931.

Along with Officer Erber I went to 955-957 South Second St. and arrested Louis Sokolinsky charging him with maintaining a disorderly house. William Edmundson, John McLawan and Alexander Patton were found in this place and arrested as disorderly persons.

February 23, 1931.

Mr. W. H. Fries, 744 Watchung Ave., Apt. 305 reported to me that sometime within the previous ten days someone entered his apartment and took about 1000 dimes from a home-made bank which he had formed from a Maxwell House coffee can. All of the dimes were taken but about 700 pennies were left behind. Mr. and Mrs. Fries had been saving their dimes and pennies and dropping them in this bank at the end of each day for the past six months. Mr. Fries son, Charles, a scrub woman and the janitor of the building were left alone in the apartment during this period but all denied any knowledge of the disappearance of the money. As there were no signs of a forced entry it appears to be an "inside job".

February 24, 1931.

I arrested Joseph Amadio, 326 Hell St. on a warrant charging him with non-support of his wife and 4 children.

February 25, 1931.

Alphonse Tramantano, 302 Richmond St. reported to me that when he arrived at his store at 8 a.m. he found the front door unlocked and a box of five cent cigars, a carton of Lucky Strike cigarettes and a broken .22 calibre black revolver missing. It appeared as if someone picked the lock.

February 28, 1931.

Officer Erber and myself arrested George Toney at # 518 West Church St. on a warrant from Middlesex Borough for failing to appear in court after having an accident.

March 2, 1931.

Mr. Michael Sagara of 336 Emerson Ave. reported to me that sometime during the day someone entered his house through a cellar window and went up to his dining room and carried away a postage stamp album which he values at \$50.00 and which belonged to his twelve year old son Michael. I investigated and came to the conclusion that a young boy

named Emerson Roberts, 312 Emerson Ave. took it. The next day the book was found in Roberts' yard minus all the most valuable stamps. He was also seen in the Lazaris front yard during the afternoon. I summoned him before the Juvenile Court.

March 2, 1931.

I arrested A.M. Sarrentino, 407 East Sixth St. on a warrant charging him with issuing a worthless check for \$60.00.

March 2, 1931

Along with Officer Wilson I arrested Morris Abrams on a warrant charging him with maintaining a disorderly house at #303 Plainfield Ave. As we searched his store we found only a small quantity of liquor.

March 3, 1931.

I arrested Arthur Scheldham and charged him with the larceny of approximately \$150.00 from the poor and offering boxes at St. Marys and St. Joseph Bernard's Churches. He would visit the churches during the morning about 11 a.m. and pry open the boxes with a screw driver. He would then snap them shut and no one would notice it until they went to take the money out. This took place over a period of several months starting about August 1, 1930.

March 3, 1931

Mrs. Kragman, 1370 East Front St. reported to me that as her five year old daughter was returning home from the Emerson School at about 11:15 a.m. a man riding in a sedan car stopped near her on Berkeley Terrace and after exposing himself tried to induce the youngster to come to the car by offering her some money. Mrs. Wm. Normont of #121 Berkeley Terrace was looking out of her window about 200 feet away from where this happened and ran out of the house and yelled at the man. He jumped into his car turned it around and fled in the direction of East Second St. and Terrill Rd. As near as Mrs. Normont could see the man appeared to be an Italian, 30 yrs. old, medium build and height and wearing a khaki short coat and grey soft hat. He was driving a greyish green Chevrolet sedan with a five figure Union county license the last two numbers being "62."

March 5, 1931.

At about 9:30 p.m. Officer Bray and myself arrested Michael Mangino, 140 Linden Ave., Board Brook and Benjamin Bielak, no home for loitering in the vicinity of the C.R.R. station. They

both carried loaded revolvers. After considerable questioning they admitted they came to Plainfield to steal a car to be used the next morning by them in an attempt to hold up the Johns-Manville payroll at Weston station. p.m.

March 6, 1931.

I arrested Murray Wilson, 25 Sumner Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. at East Seventh St. and Roosevelt Ave. as a suspicious person. He was going to the rear doors of houses in that section soliciting orders for enlarging photos. He did not possess a permit.

March 7, 1931.

Mr. O. H. Simons, 322 East Front St. reported to me that while he was taking a shower in the Y. M. C. A. building someone stole a man's watch and chain and a gold snake ring from his clothing.

March 7, 1931.

I arrested Wm. J. Anderson, 959 West Fourth St. on a warrant charging him with the non-support of his wife and three children.

March 7, 1931.

I arrested Norman Ruggles, 552 West Fifth St. at his home and charged him with the possession of lottery tickets. Numerous tickets were found in a rear room.

March 9, 1931.

I arrested Walter F. Graney, 68 Duer St. North Plainfield on a warrant charging him with issuing a worthless check for \$20.48.

March 9, 1931.

Ira Veil, 443 East Fifth St. 15 yrs. old reported to me that someone stole his Elgin wrist watch from the locker room at the High School on East Thursday between 10:30 and 11:15 a.m. It was a chromium plated, octagon wrist watch with movement # 33563836 and valued at \$25.00. I went to the school and secured the names of all the boys that were near his locker on that day and questioned some of them.

March 9, 1931.

Mr. Illes, one of the proprietors of the Shell Gas Station # 124 East Second St. reported to me that some time after noon yesterday an automatic Colt revolver # 23266 was stolen from his desk at the station. He bought this gun from F. A. Pallack of Newark on July 28, 1928.

March 10, 1931.

Along with Officer Erber I arrested Wm. Mayze 302 Richmond St. charging him with possessing lottery tickets.

March 11, 1931.

I arrested John Pietta, 30 Race St. North Plainfield at North Plainfield Police Hdqrs. on a warrant charging him with the larceny of a watch, chain and ring from Mr. O.H. Simons of the Y.M.C.A.

March 14, 1931.

Along with Officer Bray I arrested Olive ^{Locke} ~~Hand~~, 604 East Sixth St. on Berckman St. and charged her with operating a car after she had been drinking. We also arrested ^{at the same time and} charged him with allowing an unlicensed driver to operate his car, she being the driver.

March 14, 1931.

Along with Officers Bohl, Patterson and Jonas we searched the premises of Angelo Mazzeo, 409 East Third St. and arrested him after finding a small quantity of liquor in his yard. He was turned over to the Prohibition Department.

March 14, 1931.

I arrested George Bumpus, 544 East Third St. on complaint of Walter Baynton, 53 Elm Place who charged him with assaulting him.

March 14, 1931.

I investigated a report from Mr. D.J. Scott that some boys had been in the yard near his factory and had taken some brass fittings. I found that the following boys had been in the yard and carried away some brass and sold it to a junkman by the name of DeBello on North Ave; Peter Diana, 743 North Ave., Michael Capua, 723 North Ave., Frank Kerina, 727 North Ave., August Alberino, 736 St. Mary's Ave. and Louis Cambledto, 353 Hill St. I recovered the brass from the junkman and had the boys place it back in Mr. Scott's yard.

March 16, 1931.

Mrs. Ernest Festa, 315 Netherwood Ave. reported to me that a couple of hours previously a young man about 5'9" tall, medium build, light complexion and wearing a black overcoat and a soft grey hat drove up to her house in a grey Buick car and after knocking at her door told her that her husband had dropped dead in his barber shop on Somerset St. He offered to take her to the shop and insisted that he wait inside the house until she got ready. She said she would go down on the trolley and when he continued to argue she struck him over the head with a broom handle, knocking him to the floor of the porch. After he had lain there for about 15 minutes another man came along on a bicycle and picked him up and placed him in the car and drove it away. A short time afterward Mrs. Festa's husband came walking home. Mrs. Festa did not get the

number of the car and I was unable to locate anyone else in the neighborhood who saw it.

March 18, 1931.

I, along with Officer Erber arrested Stanley Syper, 69 Peshing Ave. Newark, N. J. at Newark Police Headquarters on a warrant charging him with speeding and being a fugitive from justice.

March 18, 1931.

Mrs. Clara Leonard, 318 W. Seventh St. reported to me that on Monday morning while on her way to Baynd Brook where she teaches school she left her pocketbook on the seat in the west bound railroad station. She forgot to pick it up as she hurried out to the train and did not miss it until the train was in motion. She boarded the 7:42 a.m. train out of Plainfield. The conductor telephoned back to Plainfield as soon as the train arrived in Baynd Brook but the packet^{book} was not there. The next day Mrs. Leonard learned from a brakeman by the name of John Tomashaski, 1805 W. 7th St. Dunellen, that he had seen a man pick up the pocketbook that morning while he was waiting for the 7:51 a.m. train. He said he put it under his arm and walked out on North Ave. He described him as a man about 35 years old, 5'6" tall, medium build and wearing a cap and light brown overcoat. I interviewed Tomashaski and as I could not locate this man around town I told him to notify a policeman or the ticket agent if he saw him up around the station again. Mrs. Leonard said there was about \$13.00 in bills, several house keys and two pearl pins in the packetbook.

March 18, 1931.

Mrs. Taylor, 319 Plainfield Ave. reported to me that during the past week six of her chickens had been stolen from the rear yard. She suspected some of her neighbors and I interviewed them but they all denied any knowledge of the missing fowls. However there were no more chickens missed.

March 19, 1931

I investigated a report from Mr. George Birney, 74 Jackson Ave. North Plainfield that some one had attempted to break into the American Food Store, #17 Watchung Ave. where he is the manager. I learned that a young colored boy working for Hodge's Pharmacy had noticed two young men run away from the rear of this store at 8:25 p.m. the night before. They had broken the glass in the door but due to

a bolt near the bottom of it they were unable to open it.

March 19, 1931.

In response to a phone call I went to the vacant house at # 832 Webster Place and found that some boys had been shooting bee-bee guns at the windows and had broken about a dozen of them. Upon inquiry I learned that Junior Dumont and a boy friend from out of town were the guilty parties. I saw Mrs. Dumont and she said she would pay the cost of replacing them.

March 21, 1931

Mae Cisterline of 223 Richmond St. reported to me that a tall dark colored man came into his last night and while he was looking for some small articles for him he opened the cash register and took a five dollar bill from it. Cisterline does not know him very well but has seen him before. He only comes in the neighborhood once in a while and he will let us know when he is around.

March 23, 1931.

Mrs. Otto Moore, 1124 Stillford Ave. reported to me that she left her home at 3 p.m. and upon returning at 4 p.m. found her front door open, a side door open and the catches on nearly all the windows unlocked. Nothing was disturbed or taken from the house. None of the neighbors noticed anyone around.

March 25, 1931.

I went to Klein's Meat Market at # 205 Clinton Ave in response to a phone call and found that someone had removed an iron grating at the rear of the store during the night and forced open a cellar window. As the window was so small it appeared to be the work of boys. No damage was done and nothing was taken.

March 26, 1931.

I investigated a report from Mr. M. Mashevitz 78 Hudson Ave, North Plainfield proprietor of the Manville Hat Shop at # 126 Watchung Ave. that when he arrived at his store at 8 a.m. he found the front door open and about \$6.00 in change taken from a small paper box in the cash register. None of his stock was disturbed or taken. Entrance was made through the front door by the aid of a key.

March 26, 1931.

I also investigated a report from Wm. Fleming who conducts a barber shop at 105 East Second St. that when his men arrived at the shop to go to work he found the front door unlocked and about \$4.00 in change taken from the cash register. Entrance

in this case was also made by the use of a key. The morning paper was carried in from the door and placed alongside of the cash register which shows that these jobs were done after 6 a.m. in the morning. There were no prints left in either case.

March 26, 1931.

Mr. Homan of 999 Woodland Ave. reported to me that at about 4 p.m. while one of his maids was returning to the house she noticed a side door open and upon entering through it found a man standing in the nursery. She asked him what he wanted and he said he made a mistake and brushed past her and out. He walked out Woodland Ave. toward the cemetery. The maid did not say anything about it until Mr. Homan came home at 6 o'clock. Nothing was missing from the house. This man was about 5'6" tall, very slim, 25 yrs. old and wore a black coat and derby hat.

March 27, 1931.

Mr. Marsh, steward at the Scotch Club on South Second St. reported that someone had broken the glass in the door and entered the building during the night. A 6 tube Zenith Radio Set, serial #106646 and model 33X, clock shaped loud speaker, 3 pint bottles Sam Thompson Rye whiskey, 3 pint bottles Golden Wedding Whiskey, and 2 one gallon jugs of whiskey were carried away. Some fingerprints were obtained from the glass.

March 28, 1931.

Max Gabler, 1003 East Second St. reported to me that someone crawled through a cellar window into his store and took \$2.00 from the cash register. The back door was left open the thief evidently departing by that way. None of his stock was disturbed.

March 28, 1931

The sexton at St. Mary's Church reported that someone broke into the Church during the night and attempted to get some money from the offering boxes. There was no money left in them so that nothing was taken. Entrance was made by forcing a side window.

March 30, 1931

I arrested Wm. Lawles, 326 Liberty St. and charged him with the possession of lottery tickets.

March 30, 1931.

I investigated a report from the City Hall Bakery, 432 Washington Ave. that someone

had entered the bakery during the early evening between 7 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. and took about \$27.00 from the cash register. There was one \$10.00 roll of quarters, one \$5.00 roll of quarters, 2 rolls of pennies, 50 in each and about \$11.00 in loose change. Entrance was made by opening a rear window and crawling in over the furnace. We could not get any prints of value.

April 1, 1931

Along with Officers Jonas and Mansfield I arrested John Comerford 74 Westwell Ave. He was found helplessly drunk on East Third St.

April 3, 1931.

Along with Officer Erber I arrested James Donnelly, 199 Hale St. New Brunswick and Edward J. Britton 304 West Front St. Plainfield on Plainfield Ave. and charged them with the possession of racing bets.

April 4, 1931.

In company with Officers Vesey, Campolattano and W. L. Peterson I went to the home of Joseph Schiappa 345 Cottage Place and placed him under arrest charging him with violating the Prohibition Enforcement Act. As we entered the house Mrs. Schiappa broke a bottle of liquor on the floor. We could not find any other liquor in the house. We also arrested Mrs. Schiappa and Rasmus Jensen on disorderly conduct charges.

April 5, 1931

Officer Mansfield and I arrested Daniel Mangan and Joseph Nulty at Police Hdqrs. Mangan was charged with disorderly conduct and Nulty with driving a car while intoxicated.

April 7, 1931.

I arrested Stanley Kutler, 1275 Putnam Ave. Brooklyn from 1111 Putnam Ave. Plainfield on a warrant charging him with being the father of an unborn child.

April 9, 1931

I arrested Stephen Williams, 222 East Second St. on a warrant charging him with passing a worthless check for \$16.50

April 9, 1931

Mr. Conroy, an investigator for the Telephone Company reported to me that on April 8, 1931 between 11 a.m. and 11:40 a.m. someone entered the vacant house at # 312 East Seventh St. and ripped out about 150 lbs. of lead and copper cable from the cellar. I questioned several people in the neighborhood and visited the various junk yards but could not find any trace of it.

April 9, 1931.

Mrs. Frank Smith, 465 West Front St. reported to me that her husband left the house about 4:30 p.m. with \$350.00 in his pockets and when he returned home in an intoxicated manner about 8:30 p.m. it had disappeared. I traced his movements over into North Plainfield and back again to East Third St. where he visited several speak-easys. I was able to find a couple of fellows, John Jackson and Pete Dailey who were with him in the vicinity of Third St. but they did not see more than a dollar with him at any time. Smith himself was unable to throw any light on the loss of the money.

April 10, 1931.

Mrs. Agnes Stauffer, 151 Beechwood Ave., Bound Brook reported that she visited The Paula Shappe, #208 West Front St. to buy some dresses and while in a dressing room trying one of them on she left a valuable pin behind her stuck on a shield placed there for holding the pins while changing dresses. When she went back to the store in about an hour to look for it, she could not locate it. Mr. Gass and his manager searched all about for it but could not find any trace of it. I questioned the girls working there and one of them remembered seeing it hanging on the shield but as there was a lady in the booth at the time she thought it was hers. The girl who waited on Mrs. Stauffer did not see the pin at all. The pin was of platinum and had five diamonds set in it and was valued at \$175.00.



April 11, 1931

Mrs. Louise Baxter, 209 Rahway Ave., Elizabeth, N. J. reported to me at 6:45 p.m. that after she had left her car near Church St. and was walking toward Watchung Ave, her foot caught in a hole in the sidewalk on E. Front St. in the middle of Bank Place throwing her forward to the pavement. She sprained her ankle, tore her stocking and her gloves. I took her to the Hospital where Dr. Crawford examined her and said she would be all right in a day or so. She returned to her home in Elizabeth.

April 14, 1931

I answered a phone call from Sam Venezia's Gasoline station at the corner of Terrill Rd. and East Third St. and learned that someone had broken into the station during the night. A rear window had been forced open and the following articles taken; - 4 doz. A. C. spark plugs, 2 Champion spark plugs, 1 carton with a dozen bottles of shellac in it, 13 boxes of cigars, 3 cartons of cigarettes, 2 quarts of oil, 1 can containing a long strip of Goodrich patches and 3 boxes of 32 P. P. Mazda headlight bulbs (10 to a box). Venezia places the value of his loss at \$35.00. We were able to secure some prints from some of the articles handled.

April 14, 1931

Miss Nichols of 1155 Park Ave reported to me that although her home had been broken into on Saturday night she did not notice anything missing until today. She lists the following articles as taken; - 1 man's Gruen watch valued at \$75.00, 1 gold link bracelet with 3 sapphires valued at \$30.00, 2 English Clergy rings made of silver one with a red stone and the other with a white stone each valued at \$4.50 and a Chinese bracelet valued at \$10.00. Entrance was gained to the house by using a garden fork to force a rear window.

April 19, 1931

Mrs. Leonard Bennett, 1246 George St. reported to me that sometime between 6 p.m. Sunday night and 8 a.m. Monday morning an extension ladder 36 feet long was taken from her rear yard. It was painted brown and had some iron braces on each side.

April 22, 1931.

I answered a phone call from Mr. C. L. Stanley 1140 South Ave. and he reported that some boys had gone into his green house during the evening and helped themselves to some of his carnations. I found that two small Italian boys from North Ave. had been near the greenhouses but not in them and had taken a few bulbs from his yard.

April 22, 1931

Mr. Willard Clark, 207 West Seventh St. reported to me that an ash carter had carried away some pumps and gas station equipment from the rear of his yard which he told him not to and asked me to help him locate them. He said he had two rotary pumps, one piston pump, one hand pump with fittings, one large funnel, four quart oil bottles and carrier and one two-quart

copper filling can. In their present condition Mr. Clark valued these articles at \$75.00.

April 25, 1931.

I investigated a report from Michael Garabets 1100 West Third St. that he had been held up by two young men at about 10:45 p.m. on West Third St. near Halsey St. He said that the two men came across the street to meet him and his son Peter as they were coming home from his delicatessen store on Clinton Ave. The shorter of the two men told him to hold up his hands and the other got around behind him and started to search through his pockets.

When his son Peter started to yell and Garabets started toward the short fellow and the boy, the short fellow fired a shot which passed through his arm above the elbow. He then struck the fellow with the gun and by hitting him in the jaw with his fist and they both ran away through the fields toward McBrocker's laundry. He described the tallest fellow as about 20 yrs. old, 6 ft. tall, well built and wearing a black overcoat and a grey cap. The shorter fellow was about 18 yrs. old, 5'5" tall and wearing a dark short coat and grey pants and a grey slouch hat. He brandished a small nickel plated gun. Along with other officers I searched the vicinity but could find no trace of the robbers. They were unable to get any of Garabets's money.

April 27, 1931.

I arrested Mr. Robert and Mrs. Lucile Martin of 934 South Ave. on a warrant from Elizabeth charging them with assault.

April 27, 1931.

Mr. Thomas Bayd, 411 West Fourth St. reported to me that someone entered his store at #130 West Fourth St. during the night and stole three blue serge suits valued at \$30.00 a piece from him. I found that a side window had been forced. We were unable to secure any fingerprints of value. Two of the suits were of medium size and the other a larger size. In the right sleeve of the three suits were the initials "L.R.", "C.R." and "C.W."

April 30, 1931

I arrested Daniel Hartman of New Market on a warrant charging him with disorderly conduct by fighting.

May 1, 1931.

I answered a call from Mrs. Taub, 446 West Third St. about three suspicious men that had been to her house and she explained the following to me. Yesterday a stout Jewish man about 55 years of age came to her house and asked Mr. Taub if he had a house to rent. He told him he did and showed him a house he owns on Halsey St. The stranger said he would take it but wanted to bring his wife up from Newark today to show it to her. At about 11:30 a.m. today a young man about 30 yrs. of age came to Mr. Taub's home and said he had some bargains in fur skins. He said he worked on a boat and smuggled the furs into the country. After he was in the house about 15 minutes, the old man who was around yesterday walked in and became interested in the furs. Another young fellow came in a few minutes after and stood listening to the conversation. The old man from Newark said he would buy four fur skins from the young fellow and passed over \$500.00 to him in sight of everybody. He said he would buy the rest of them too if he had a chance to go to Newark and get the money. The fellow having the furs said he must have \$2000.00 for the rest of them. After the old fellow went out apparently to go to Newark, the last young fellow that came into the house suggested to Mr. Taub that they both put up a thousand dollars apiece and buy the furs before the old fellow came back. Taub said he would go out and get the money and he left the two in the house with Mrs. Taub. He went to his son on West Eighth St. and told him of what was going on. They then called up Chas. Kurtzman, a son-in-law, and after a consultation decided to report the affair to Police Headquarters. The two men left at the house waited for about half an hour and then departed in the direction of Liberty and Fourth Sts. carrying the furs away with them in a grey wrapped paper bundle. By the time I arrived they had all cleared away. This same trio worked a similar confidence game on last Monday in Elizabeth and swindled an old man out of \$6000.00. A description of the men is as follows; - #1 man was about 55 yrs. old, 5'4" tall, stout, full-face, Jewish and wearing a grey overcoat and a derby hat. #2 man carried the furs and was about

30 yrs. old, 5'8" tall, slim build, Jewish and wearing a dark overcoat and a derby hat. #3 man was about 28 yrs. old, 5'7" tall, Jewish and wore a dark overcoat and a derby hat.

May 2, 1931

I found the owner of the old Holland property at #704 West Seventh St. to be the Somerville Investment Co. of Somerville, N. J.

May 2, 1931

Detective J. Denny Investigated the report on the old Holland Property 704 W. 7th St. Corner Spooner Ave. owned by the Somerset Investment Co of Somerville N. J.

Lieut A Saffron

May 2, 1931

Detective J. Denny Investigated Miss Snyder's report of 424 West Front St. in regards to some roomers that she wanted to move out but found that they moved out on her last night owing her \$8.50 Cents rent.

Lieut A Saffron

May 4, 1931

Detective J. Denny investigated a report of Mr. Paretti of 752 East 2nd St. in regards to some furniture having been left in the adjoining part of his house by a family that moved away. I learned that the house is owned by Mrs. Genard of East 3rd St. and she rented it to a man and wife by the name of Mr. & Mrs. Luigi Lannacce. They paid there rent up to April 15th. And moved out about the first of May. They left there furniture behind them and Mrs. Paretti learned it was bought from the Watching furniture Co. but not paid for. The furniture Company sent a truck to the house on last Saturday noon and took the furniture away however. Mrs. Lannacci owns Mrs. Genard for a half month's rent, and I told her to make a complaint against him. if she desired to collect it he is now living on Elm place near the Brook with Chink Miller.

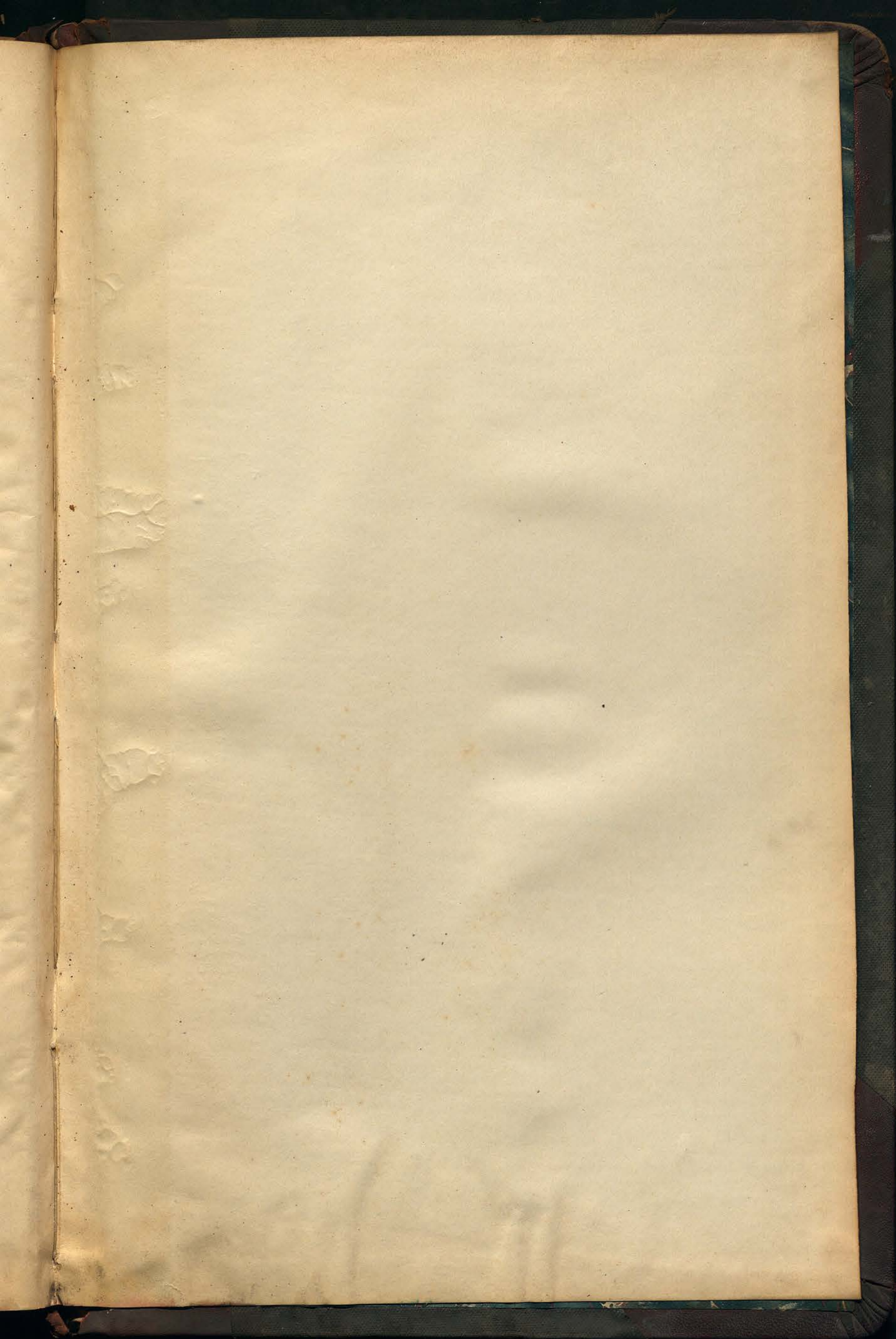
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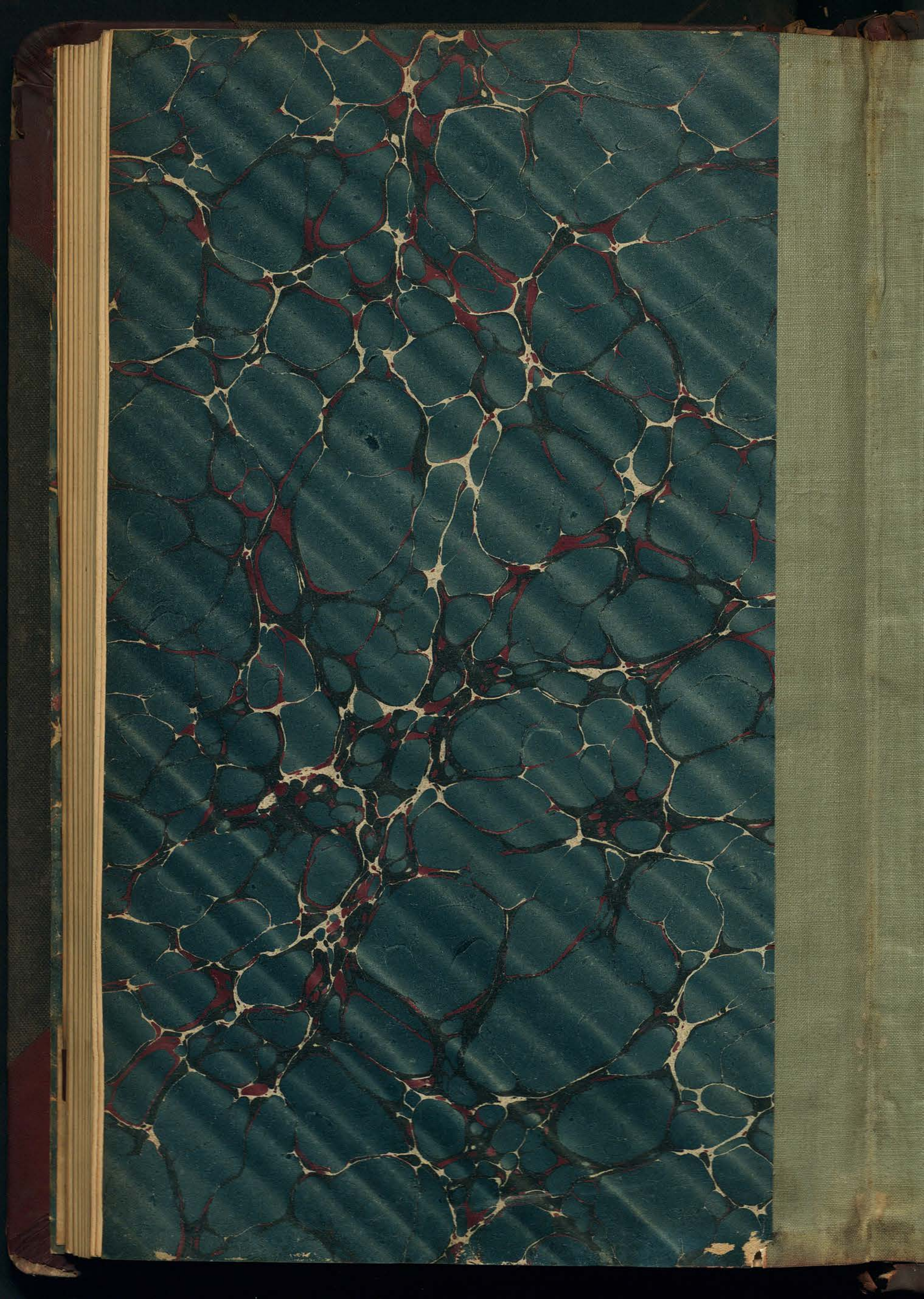
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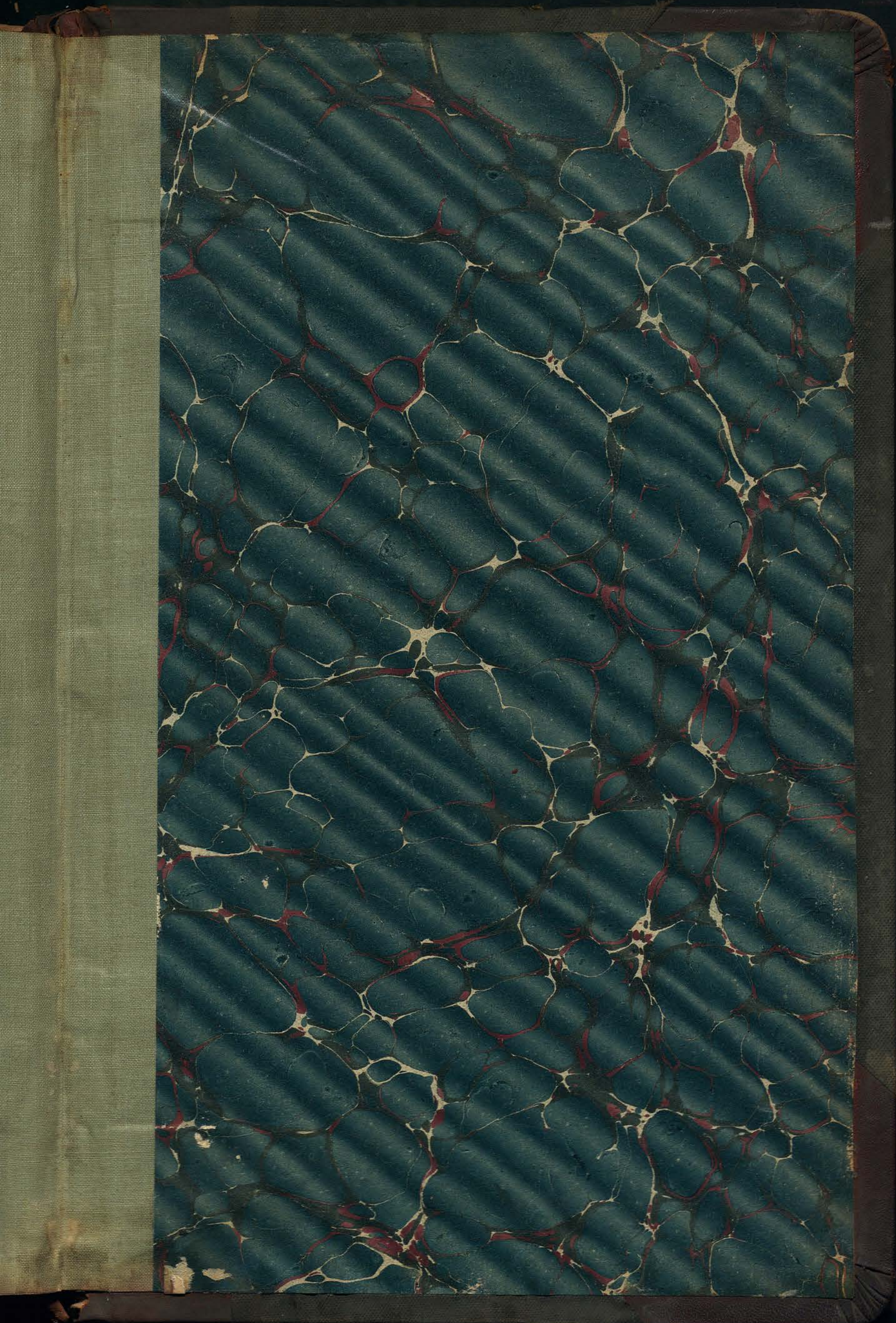
Detective J Denny investigated a report of Mrs Rose Thaine of 619 East 6th St. And she told me that on last Friday morning May the first at about 7:25 a.m. as her Daughter Sarah age 22 years old. was going to the Railroad Station a Colored man. passing in the opposite direction on East 5th St. near Franklin Place. indecently Exposed himself to her. She did not see him on Saturday and on Monday morning her mother walked with her and saw him again. he did not notice her then, and her mother followed him and saw him go into J D. Loizeaux Lumber yard on South ave. she inquired as to his name. But did not get much satisfaction. On Tuesday morning, he passed her again with her mother and grinned at her. he was in company of several others at this time. I followed the girl down Fifth Street at 7:20 a.m. this morning. But did not see him at all. he is a light Colored man about 6 ft tall, fairly well built. 30 years old and wore a gray suit.

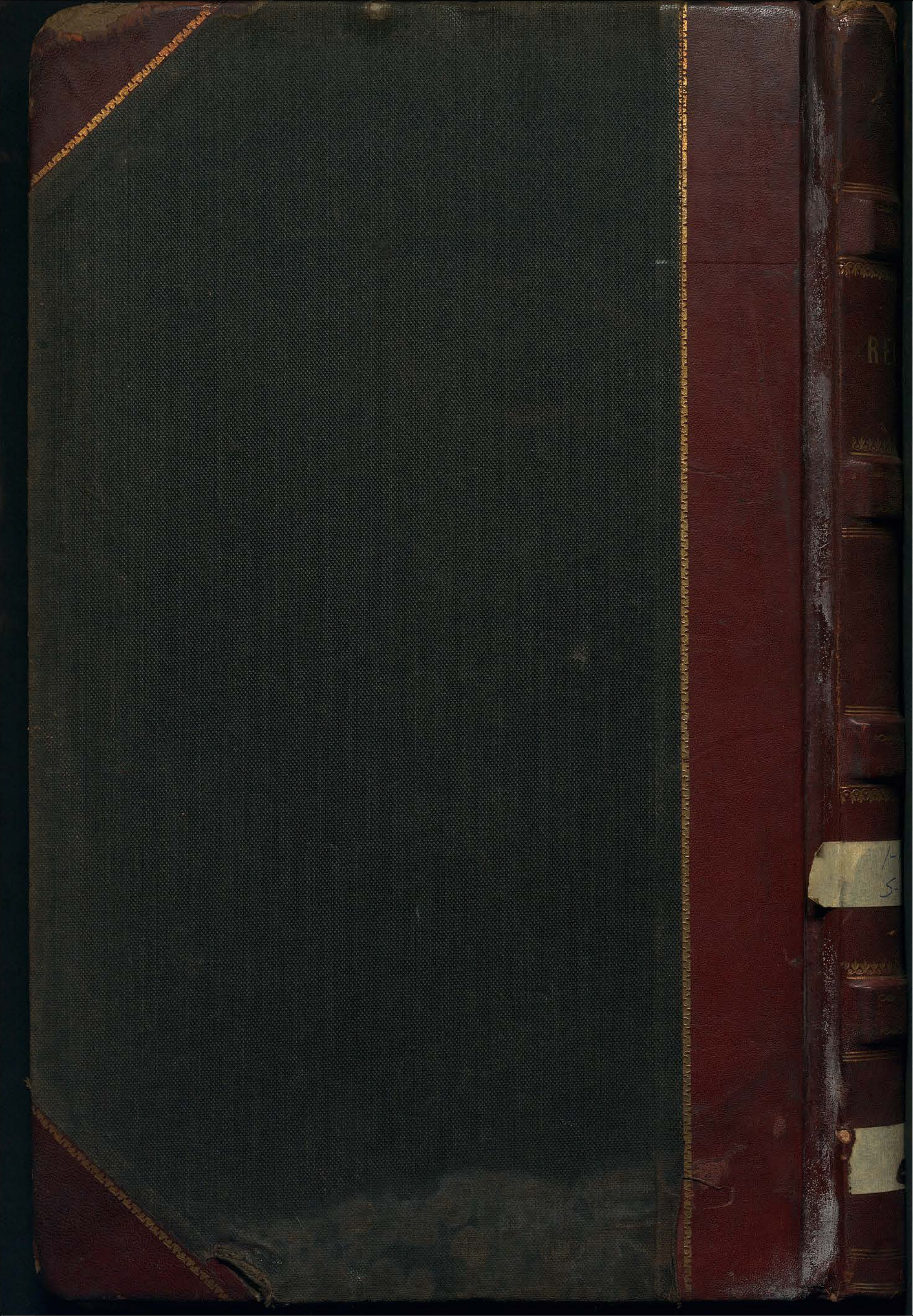
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